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LETTER DATED 7 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of further violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for the purposes of observation and provocation between 25 November and 3 December 1992.

25-26 November 1992

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 6,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

26-27 November 1992

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 33 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Amarah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Shatrah and Salman.

27-28 November 1992

(a) Northern region: one sortie, flown by two aircraft at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at medium altitude, over Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Artawi, Samawah and Busayyah.

28-29 November 1992

(a) Northern region: no aerial activity recorded in the region during this period.

(b) Southern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 20,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Artawi and Jalibah.

A TR-1 aircraft engaged in hostile aerial reconnaissance of the southern region from an altitude of 20,000 metres, entering Iraqi airspace at 1155 hours on 29 November 1992 and leaving at 1435 hours.

29-30 November 1992

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Salman, Amarah, Shatrah and Jalibah.

30 November-1 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,000 to 6,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: no aerial activity recorded during this period.

1-2 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

2-3 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 21 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 720 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah and Salman.

A TR-1 aircraft engaged in hostile reconnaissance of the southern region from an altitude of 20,000 metres, entering Iraqi airspace at 1148 hours on 3 December 1992 and leaving at 1440 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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